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MEMORANDUM

TO: MLDS Governing Board
FROM: Molly B. Abend, Data Management Coordinator
DATE: November 24, 2021
SUBJECT: MLDS 2021 Data Inventory

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide information to the Governing Board on the proposed changes to the MLDS 2021 Data Inventory for Governing Board approval at the December Governing Board Meeting.

Data Inventory

The MLDS Governing Board is required to create an inventory of individual student and workforce data proposed to be maintained in the system (Ed. Art. §24-704(g)(6) Md. Annotated Code). Additionally, the data inventory serves to inform the public about the contents of the MLDS.

Summary of Proposed Additions

A. Postsecondary

The Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) is adding 11 demographic data elements to the End-of-Term System (EOTS) data collection beginning with the 2021 Summer/Fall EOTS submission. These elements will be optional in 2021-2022 and required in 2022-2023. The Postsecondary data elements proposed for inclusion in the Data Inventory are listed below.

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| 1. Last Name | 7. White |
| 2. First Name | 8. Black/African American |
| 3. Middle Name | 9. Asian |
| 4. Gender | 10. American Indian/Native Alaskan |
| 5. Birthdate | 11. Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander |
| 6. Hispanic/Latino Ethnicity | |

B. Internal

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) is implementing a new data system in December 2021. The new system will not impact the MLDS Center's matching ability, however two data elements will need to be added to the MLDS. The first data element, 'Mailing County', requires approval from the MLDS Governing Board.

The MLDS Center currently has approval to include an identification number provided by the MVA. The specific data element named 'Previous Customer ID' will be included in the Data Inventory but does not require MLDS Governing Board approval as the definition matches the already approved 'SX_Owner' data element.

1. Mailing County (Approval)
2. Previous Customer ID (Informational)

Action

We request the Governing Board approve the additions to the MLDS Data Inventory – December 2021.